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85 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs 10c each former price 15c.
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MARTIN'S -:- -:- STUDIO
Eaglest. - Next Baptist Church.

By Telegraph
5.00 O'CLOCK.

TARIFF TALK.

The Committee Planning to Give Hearings to Interested Men

GENERAL DRAPER'S OPINION.

He Says the Republicans Won't be Allowed to Frame A Moderate Measure. His Prediction.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee held another conference this morning. It was thought yesterday that the Democratic members would be present as they were formally notified of the proposition to proceed with the preparation of a new tariff bill and give hearings to the various industries affected. It was decided, however, to postpone a meeting of the full committee till next week.

General Wheeler's Opinion.

General Wheeler, one of the Democratic committee men were speaking regarding the reported intention of the Republican members to give hearings, coupled with the report that the new bill would be a moderate protective measure said, "I don't doubt that the present purpose of the Republican members is to frame a moderate bill, but the hearings accorded those interested in high schedules makes me feel safe in predicting that an extreme protection measure will be the outcome."

Extreme Protection.

"Those appearing will ask the highest possible schedules, averring that they cannot prosper with less. They will demand that on the ground that the result of the election was because of the pledged adequate protection to American industries.

"No matter how honest the Republicans may be in their effort to frame a moderate bill they will no more be able to stem the tide than to stop Niagaria. I predict the bill when it emerges from the committee, will be in many respects more extreme than the act of 1890."

Armor Plate Irregularities.

The special board appointed by Secretary Herbert to investigate the charges of plate of inferior quality being furnished for the battleships now building at Newport News will reseme its inquiry Monday.

As far as it has gone the investigation indicates the amount of defective plate supplied to be much larger than was at first supposed, that the consequences may be very serious in delaying the work of constructing battle ships wherein the department is much interested.

Replace Naval Officers.

The inqury has caused the suspension of work, 300 men laid off, who were working in the hulls. It is likely that the result of the inquiry will be a complete change in the present system of inspection. If congress can be induced to make the necessary provisions a corps of civilian and expert inspectors will release the naval officers now doing duty.

Date for Hearings.

The conference of the Republicans lasted about two and one half hours. Nothing was definitely decided upon. The general opinion was that a fixed program of hearings on the several schedules will be arranged, beginning December 28.

BOTH FOUND DEAD.

He was Fifty and Belonged in Chicago. She was a Young Boston Lady.

(Special dispatch to the Transcript.)

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Mary Collins, occupying apartments at 47 St. Botlph street and Samuel H. Putnam of Chicago, were both found dead on the floor of one of the rooms this morning with the gas on. The woman was 20 years of age and the man 50. An investigation is proceeding.

FINANCIAL.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

New York Market.

[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]

Received through the office of A. M. Tinker, Room 3, Blackinton block. Executes orders for stocks and bonds, deals upon New York Stock Exchange for cash or on margin. Private telephone 76.

American Cotton Oil	
American Sugar	117
Atchison	14 1-2
American Tobacco	79
B. & O.	14 1-2
Canada Southern	48 3-4
Central of New Jersey	
Chesapeake & Ohio	17
Hocking Valley	
Chicago & Northwestern	103 1-4
C. B. & Q.	77 1-2
Chicago Gas	71
St. Paul	74 1-2
Rock Island	65 3-4
Chicago, St. P., M. & O.	
C. C. C. & St. L.	
Con. Gas	154 1-2
Del. & Hud.	
Del. L. & W.	
Den. and G. Feed	13
Gen. Electric	32 1-8
Ill. Cen.	
Lakeshore	
L. & Nash.	49 3-4
Manhattan Elevated	95
M. K. & T. Com.	
M. K. & T. Pref.	28 5-8
Missouri Pacific	21
National Lead	
New England	
N. Y. Central	95 1-2
Erie	
Ont. & West	15 1-8
N. Y. Sus. & W., common	
" " " pref.	
No. Pacific pref	23 1-8
Pacific Mail	
Phil. & Reading	26 7-8
Pullman	
Southern Raly common	
" " pref.	29
Ten. Coal & Iron	27 1-4
Texas Pacific	9 1-2
Union Pacific	9 7-8
U. S. Rubber	25 1-8
U. S. Leather common	
" " pref.	61 3-4
Wabash pref.	
Western Union	86 3-4
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8 1-8

Chicago Markets.

Wheat—	May 70⅞
Corn—	May 25⅞
Oats—	May 20⅛
Pork—Jan. 7 65	May 7.92
Lard—Jan. 3.87	May 4 07

Cotton.

	Opened.	Closed.
Jan.	7.02	7.04
March	7.21	7.19
May	7 34	7.31

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Johnson's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza A. Johnson was held from the Johnson homestead this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Tenney officiated. The lower rooms in the large house were filled with friends and relatives. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Senator George P. Lawerence and Col. F. S. Richardson were ushers, and W. S. Johnson, Arthur M. Tinker, Mr. Poor, Henry Phelps, Samuel Ellis and W. C. Ellis were the bearers.

The body was laid to rest in the Johnson vault in Hillside cemetery.

—The ever-popular Conroy & Fox in "O'Flarity's Vacation" will be the attraction at the Columbia Monday.

—The Bryan Political Reform club has endorsed the no-license policy.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS —ON— PAGES 2 AND 4.

The Winter Shirt Waist.

A young woman stood in front of a mirror, viewing with satisfaction her freshly starched shirt waist. She fastened the neat belt and pocketbook at her waist, then gave a last lingering little pat to the crisp tie at her neck. She laughed as she turned to join her friend and said: "I was not admiring myself; it was the waist. Was there ever anything like them? I simply cannot live without them. I feel better and look better in there stiff standing collars than anything else. The higher they are the better I like them. And, do you know, I've decided to wear shirt waists all winter. I am going to make them of some of these inexpensive dark silks, blue stripes, etc., and wear my linen collar and cuffs with them. Won't that be sensible? There's no way a woman looks as neat as in these belted waists, and," here she arose, picked up her gloves preparatory to going, "aren't they the most blissfully comfortable things in the world?"

Her idea was greeted with much enthusiasm by her companion, who said: "All right; we'll just look at some silks while we're out. Everything is so cheap now." And they hastened on their expedition.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Won't Make Bloomers.

Mandy, the famous Paris modiste, refuses to make bloomers for his customers. Asked to give his reason, he said: "The quantity of cloth makes the bloomers unbearable in hot weather, and it is impossible to keep them clean. The dirt and dust come in between the plaits and folds, necessitating incessant brushing, and they never look really clean, especially when made in dark colors. On the wheel they neither improve a bad figure nor show off a good one. The rider with small limbs and hips looks ridiculous in them, while the rider with large hips, who takes to the bicycle to reduce her weight, dressed in bloomers, is a bad advertisement for her tailor or dressmaker and the laughing stock of people of good taste. No woman with a good figure should hide it in bloomers, and there is hardly a first class tailor who would willingly undertake to make them for figures good or bad."

A Steel Petticoat.

Many fashionable dressmakers are shocked by the appearance upon the scene of a steel petticoat. This tormentor comes from Paris and is made of the finest material. It is destined to be worn with the widest of the new skirts to keep them well spread out. Though the modistes are aware of the presence of the steel petticoat, also the bustle and the hoopskirt, yet they decry all knowledge of their use and anticipate a decided movement against all such artificial and unhealthful aids to eccentric fashion in America. There is no doubt that the metropolitan dressmakers are doing all they can toward off the hoop skirt and its annexes. As a rule, they are personally against their adoption, according to one of their number here. —New York Letter.

Morning News Will be Found on Page Four of this Paper.

By Telegraph
4.00 O'CLOCK.

THE BICYCLE RACE.

Hale Still Leads and All the Men will be in at the Finish.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—As the morning wore on it became apparent that the end of the six days bicycle race will be exceedingly exciting. Hale showed slightly less aggressiveness that Rice in plunging madly ahead.

Forster is not feeling so well but seems there is every probability of all the men riding this morning will be in at the finish.

At noon the score was Hale, 1,793; Rice, 1,761; Forster, 1,724; Reading, 1,737; Schock, 1,678; Smith, 1,657; Taylor, 1,922; Moore, 1,564; Pierce, 1,639; Ashinger, 1,573; Maddox, 1,551; Cassidy, 1,504; Gannon, 1,301; McLeod, 1,260 and Glick, 1,052.

The score at 2 o'clock: Hale, 1,819, Rice, 1,794; Reading, 1,773; Forester, 1,751; Schock, 1,702; Smith, 1,685; Taylor; 1,573; Moore, 1,660; Pierce, 1,603; Ashinger, 1,603; Maddox, 1,575; Cassidy, 1,529; Gannon, 1,305; McLeod, 1,286, and Glick, 1,058.

LOCAL NEWS.

COMMITTEES HAVE SUPPER.

And Talk Over the Work of the Sunday Evening Club.

The committees of the Men's Sunday Evening club met in the Congregational church parlors Friday evening and had supper. Afterwards Rev. Mr. Tenney gave a resume of the work of the club. E. Barnard spoke in an appreciative way of Mr. Tenney's efforts in organizing the club and doing so much to help forward its work. F. H. Whitney gave his views of the object of the club, W. F. Darby spoke on methods of increasing church attendance and R. A. Thompson gave an interesting short address on religious work.

At the close of these remarks meetings of several of the committees were held to talk over matters pertaining to the work. It was a pleasant and profitable gathering and the meeting closed at 8 30 o'clock.

Program of Church Music.

At the morning service of the Universalist church the following music will be rendered:

Jubilate in C.....Williams
Miss Heeney, Miss Reagan Mr. Whitham, Mr. Cummings and choir.

Trio, "Holy Lord".....Mercadante
Miss Heeney, Mr. Whitham, Mr. Gordon.

Response, "O Jesus, thou art standing,".....Gaylord
Miss Viola Wright.

Vesper Service.

"Jerusalem the Golden".....Le Jerne
"The Voice of the Father".....Cowen
Mrs. Frank Smith.

Response, "God of Sabbath,".....
"Here is Rest,".....Macy
Misses Heeney, Green, Reagan, Wright.
Miss Kate Arnold and choir.

Williams' Enrollment.

The Williams college catalogue for '96-97 has appeared. The list of students shows 385 enrolled, which is the largest number in the history of the college. Of these, twenty-four are graduate students who are working for the degree of M. A. There are sixty-nine seniors, sixty-three juniors, ninety-eight sophomores, ninety-eight freshmen, fifteen special students and eighteen partial course men. New York sends 156 of the total number, Massachusetts 117, Ohio eighteen, Illinois sixteen, New Jersey fifteen, Vermont eleven, and the other students represent eighteen other states and territories.

Jail Library Books.

Sheriff Fuller has recently placed about 100 bound volumes of the leading magazines in the jail library. Two hundred volumes more are wanted, books of adventure and travel, and also a goodly number of books of fiction are needed. Mr. Fuller would be glad to receive donations of books for the library as a Christmas gift for the prisoners. Books that have been read or are worn will be just as acceptable, or books that need rebinding will be gladly received.

Stenographers' Club.

The North Adams Stenographers' club has changed the time of its weekly meeting from Friday to Monday evening. The present membership is eighteen and several new names will be voted upon at the meeting Monday. The object of the organization is that the members may become more efficient in writing by practice at the meetings. Anyone who can write shorthand is eligible to membership.

Adams' Special Town Meeting.

At the special town meeting held at Adams this afternoon nine new streets were accepted and $500 was voted for evening schools.

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THE BOARD OF TRADE

An Important Meeting Held in Its Rooms Friday Evening.

AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION

On the Question of Amending the City Charter. Permanent Street Improvements Demanded. The Plan is to Assess Abutters.

The meeting held in the board of trade rooms Friday evening to consider proposed amendments to the city charter was well attended. After calling the meeting to order and briefly stating its object President Wilkinson called upon Mayor Houghton, who presented a plan by which the city may be able to secure permanent street improvements more rapidly than under the present system and yet without feeling the burden of expense too severely.

Mayor Houghton's Remarks.

Mayor Houghton began by saying he thought matters could be talked over in the board of trade the same as in the family circle. He had had a little talk with President Wilkinson on a subject which it would be well, it seemed to them, to talk over in the board of trade, where the city charter was first discussed and by whose vote the matter was taken before the town and the legislature. That charter was framed to secure a non-partisan government based on business principles, and Mr. Houghton believed it to be one of the best city charters ever framed. It was very gratifying to see other cities copying it, and he belived if it were not for politics nearly all of them would adopt it or something very near like it

"The charter cannot be improved upon so far as it goes," said Mr. Houghton, "but I would like to present something for you to think about in the way of permanent improvement in our streets. Nothing is more important. For the last ten years we have been spending from $10,000 to $17,000 annually on our streets, and those who have had them in charge have done the best they could. But in looking around we find that we have little good material for street making. We have but little gravel and it has to be carted long distances. The lime rock grinds to powder and gives poor satisfaction, and to macademize we have to buy trap rock, which is very expensive. The results of our macadamizing are good as far as we have gone, but whether they are quite up to our expectations is a question.

To make permanent improvements by laying out a small sum each year is slow work and we get but a little patch at a time. It would be of great benefit and value to the city if we could have permanent streets. Science and experience have shown which is best and we can get the best if we will only look into the matter. But if there was a proposition to lay out a large sum on the streets the question of debt might come up. Our schools and water works have cost a great deal and the people of the city have been very liberal in providing for these things. The reservoir which you have just completed is one of the best and you will be proud of it in the years to come. The growth of the city makes it necessary to provide liberally for our schools.

All these things have placed a big debt upon us, and so to propose anything at this time which would materially increase the tax rate would not seem wise. And it is a question whether the outlying districts should pay a full share toward street improvements in the centre of the city. Suppose we were to lay out $20,000 on Main street, it would be hardly just to compel outsiders to pay in the same proportion to those owning property on that street. In considering this step we want to be fair and to look after the interests of all.

I now want to make a suggestion, and it is whether it would be wise to amend the charter so that for permanent street improvements 50 per cent. of the cost could be assessed upon the abutters, 25 per cent. on each side of the street. Then a large loan could be made, payable in five years, one fifth of the whole each year. Half of this would be paid by the city and half by the abutters, and in this way the cost each year would be comparatively small. Wherever permanent improvements were made there would be a saving of the expense of repairs and also better sanitary conditions.

This idea seemed to me worthy of consideration. But we want to be conservative, and so I would suggest that the limit to which we could borrow under the charter for this purpose should be one per cent of the total valuation. This would give us $75,000 at once, to be paid at the rate of $15,000 a year, and this, divided between the city and the abutters, would not be a heavy burden. And we could borrow as much more as the increase in valuation would warrant, always keeping within one per cent of the total.

Mr. Houghton thought that nothing would yield the city better returns than permanent improvements on streets in which the water and gas pipes and sewers are all right. He thought Main and State streets, Eagle street to the bridge, Union street to the first bridge, and perhaps Bank street, were ready for treatment, and that Church street should also have attention on account of the normal school. The streets in the centre of the city should be attended to first and then the work should be extended to the other streets.

Mayor Houghton considered this suggestion in the line of progress. The city charter he considered very near perfection. If the best citizens would continue the sacrifice which is necessary to faithfully carry out its provisions there was no question as to where North Adams would stand among the cities of the state so far as good government was concerned. He said if the proposed step was considered wise the matter should be recommended to the city council, as it would be necessary to move soon in order to get the matter properly before the legislature. Still there was no need of haste. It was a matter that should be thought over. Mayor Houghton had no scheme of his own that he wanted to put through. He was ready to support any plan that would bring about the desired results.

Others Heard From.

President Wilkinson hoped all present would express themselves freely. He told about the law in New York state, which allows the assessment of one half the expense of street improvements on the abutters. This is not so here, but the legislature might grant an amendment to the charter so that it could be done in this city. To go on as we are going now, laying out $15,000 or $20,000 a year on the streets, it would take a long time to put them in the condition they should be in.

In answer to questions from A. J. Witherell Mayor Houghton said abutters would be assessed according to the value of their property and not by the front foot, and that the street railroad company could be compelled by the board of public works to do anything reasonable in the way of keeping the streets through which the road passes in order.

George B. Perry wanted to know if there were any legal objections in the way of the proposed plan. The mayor replied that he did not think there were. Mr. Perry then said he appreciated what the mayor was doing in giving his best thought to the improvement of our young city. There was a great deal of thought in what he had studied out, and if there was anyone in the room who did not think street improvement one of the most important questions before the city he should like to hear from him. Mr. Perry thought we had puttered long enough and that it was high time to do permanent work.

George M. Darby was glad the mayor had brought this subject before the board of trade. He believed permanent street work would add more to the value of property than it would cost, the proposed plan was feasible and he hoped it would go through.

James E. Hunter, George W. Chase, W. G. Cady, S. W. Brayton, C. W. Dennett, M. E. Couch, City Engineer Emigh, H. R. Hamer and Dr. Wallace E. Brown spoke on the subject and all expressed themselves as heartily in in favor of the plan. The only point questioned by Dr. Brown was whether one per cent. on the valuation would give the city money enough. On motion of George B. Perry it was voted that the matter be referred to the city council, with the request that they bring it before the legislature when it assembles.

F. F. Murdock, principal of the normal school, was introduced and made a short speech. He spoke of the "puvh" of the town and said what North Adams stands for is municipal vitality. It is not beautiful structures, but enterprise and public spirit which make North Adams what it is. Mr. Murdock spoke of the normal school and the work it will do here, and thought the step toward permanently improving the streets was in the right direction.

Just before the meeting closed Mr. Wilkinson spoke of the coming lecture to be delivered by Hon. H. P. Hepburn of New York on "Banking." Rev. A. B. Church said he knew Mr. Hepburn personally, that he was one of the coolest-headed and most intellectual men in the country and that all should endeavor to hear him when he comes.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning:

Harry C. Stafford of Bennington, Vt., cruelty to animals, fined $12.

Edward Sexton, continued case for assault upon his wife, sentenced to the house of correction for three months. Lawyer Couch appeared for Mrs. Sexton who made the complaint.

Henry M. Davis, drunkenness, fined $2.08.

Robert May, continued case for evading board bill, discharged.

Joseph Leary, drunkenness, fined $2 08.

Henry Rowan, continued case for illegal selling and keeping a liquor nuisance, continued until December 19.

A New Book Store.

Wells Darby is about to engage in the book trade and has secured room in Ray's shoe store, where he will open his business Monday next. He will handle works from the leading publishers and will also offer a choice selection of holiday and juvenile books. Mr. Darby will make it a point to obtain the best books from the great publishing houses as soon as they are issued, and will also procure for patrons any books which he may not have in stock. Mr. Darby will strive to satisfy the wants of book buyers promptly and well and will doubtless make a success of the venture.

Sunday Schools to Meet.

A meeting of the Sunday school pupils and teachers of the North Berkshire district will be held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The speakers will be Miss Bertha Vella, primary secretary, H. S. Conant of Boston, field secretary, Supt. I. F. Hall, Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown and Principal F. F. Murdock. The meeting will be one of much interest and should be largely attended.

Wedding Invitations Received.

Invitations have been received in this city for the wedding of Miss Cora M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Shaver, and Edward Mills Hoag of this city. The wedding will take place Thursday noon, December 24, at the home of the bride in Harlemville, N. Y. Mr. Hoag is bookkeeper in the North Adams Gas Light company's office and has lived in this city for nearly two years.

A FREAK OF NATURE.

The Case of the Boy Who Writes Backward Commented Upon.

NORMAL EYE ACTS AS A CAMERA

What Experiments with the Eyes of Animals Have Shown. The Solution of This Case Left to Higher Authorities.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—As my name was used in connection with the peculiar case of the young school boy in yesterday's paper, I hope I may be pardoned by both you and the public for referring to it in a few words of explanation.

I should call this case of writing backwards really a freak of nature. A normal eye acts as a camera, that is, the image of an object is reversed in passing through the optical media, by the rays of light crossing one another, and so the image is reversed when received by the retina,—or sensitive plate of our camera. "By laying bare the retina in animals, experimenters have seen the reversed images, formed there, of external objects."

I will not attempt to discuss the question why the image being reversed on the retina does not so appear to the observer, but it evidently does so appear to the boy referred to. Suffice it to state that this subject has not been finally settled, and may never be, as when the sensitiveness of the retina is established, "when the infant's eye first begins to notice the bright light of a lamp, although the image has been proven to be reversed on the retina of the eye, it is known to appear in its correct attitude to the observer," and should so continue through life.

Any unusual crossing of the optic nerve fibers at the so-called optic chiasm would have no effect in producing the abnormal condition referred to in the child if any anatomical abnormality be present. From simply reading of this case, I must leave its solution to higher authorities.

Again begging your indulgence and that of the medical fraternity, whose true and worthy medical etiquette I may haveused in offering this further explanation of the TRANSCRIPT'S very interesting case, I hope to remain,

Yours sincerely,
C. W. WRIGHT.

P. S. It might be argued that some of the optical media may be absent from this boy's eyes, but if that were so he could not see to form his letters so accurately, on account of the diffusion of the rays of light within the eye.

PITTSFIELD MAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Serious Offense. Officer Scully Does Good Detective Work.

Officer Scully, assisted by Officers Walsh and Hill, arrested John Drew of Pittsfield at 3 o'clock this morning, at the instance of the Pittsfield police, on a charge of bastardy. A telephone message came to the police station Thursday evening from Pittsfield informing the officers that Drew was thought to be in this city.

The officers were notified by Chief Kendall to be on the lookout and the result was that the young man is now in Pittsfield jail.

Officer Scully is deserving of the entire credit for the arrest, and his locating Drew was a good piece of detective work. After spending two hours on the case Friday evening he was satisfied that a young fellow who was stopping at the home of Robert Gould on Brooklyn street was the party desired, and all that remained to be done was to go to the house at the small hour of 3 this morning and get his man.

Drew showed some surprise at being found out, but offered no resistance in the presence of the three stalwart officers. He left Pittsfield five weeks ago and had lived in Troy, N. Y., until four days ago, when he came here, obtained work of the Hunter Machine company and took a room at Mrs. Gould's. The Pittsfield officers took him home this afternoon.

ANOTHER VERMONTER IN TROUBLE

Cruelty to Animals Charged. Humane Society Officer Shoots the Horse.

Special Officer Robertson arrested Harry Safford, aged 23 years, in this city Friday evening for cruelty to animals. The prisoner was fined $12 in court this morning. Safford's home is in North Bennington, Vt., and on Wednesday he left for this city driving a lean and aged horse which he claims he intended to sell here.

The animal became exhausted and sank down in the shafts several times on the journey, but Safford managed to get as far as Blackinton with the rig. The team was left under the mill shed in Blackinton Thursday night and Officer Robertson went there at the request of a number of citizens and shot the horse.

DRILLED FOR A PRIZE.

Universalist Boys' Brigade Compete at Drill Friday Evening.

The public prize drill of the Universalist Boys' brigade was held in the chapel Friday evening. Twenty-three boys were in line and went through the marching movements and tactics in a manner which showed the result of much interest and painstaking at the weekly drills. Captain George E. Whipple put the young fellows through the drill and Colonel Merriam acted as judge. The medal for the most competent boy was awarded to Arthur Darling. Fred Reagan was a close second.

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Children's Caps.

See what we are selling at 89c, $1, $1.25, they are values you can't find anywhere else. White Eider Down Caps at only 50c. There're great for the price.

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NIGHT ROBES $1.00.

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—*John A. Andrew.*

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From the Seal of North Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 12, 1896.

DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

These are busy days everywhere, the days when Christmas presents are being studied up and selected. Some people are bothering themselves more about it than they really ought, and some are making mistakes the other way, but undoubtedly on the whole we believe more caution is needed in the former respect than in the latter. This is a good time to be careful for money does not come easy to all this season. That is only one reason.

Another far more important reason is that lavish and extravagant giving is no measure of the heart; it is seldom in good taste; far more often it is an indication of abominably poor taste and there are cases on record where such giving is simply a bid or a cover, as it were, by which a sneaking mean soul would try to blind another vain one to certain schemes. There are givers who ever have an eye to business.

For instance we recall one who was somewhat known to us in New York awhile ago. He was a contractor and had made money quickly and had a feeling he could accomplish almost anything with it. He tried it in domestic as well as other ways. His wife was somewhat given over to the vanities but she knew how to put her arm around his neck at the most profitable time and could everlastingly squeeze him for money, diamonds and such things. So he used to make her costly presents. And he had queer ways of doing it.

He bought a great big mansion near Fifth avenue and called it hers, and diamonds galore; but he had such ways as this. He would order a huge diamond sent up to her as a surprise and blind. He would be overwhelmed with thanks. She would wear it a few days and then he would ask her to let him take it to exchange for another; and then he would take it away and forget to bring back the other. And so the diamonds and the glamor of gifts faded away. He had given her paintings and household adornments lavishly and his Christmas presents made other honest givers feel a trifle uncomfortable perhaps over the little they could do.

But one day he came home and found the house laid bare of furniture and ornaments and the wife and boy gone, having hied away to some sequestered nook. He was chagrined. But we observed he did not madly rush in search of the grateful and appreciative recipient of his gifts. No he started with creditable enterprise in search of four truck loads of gifts and things and traced them to a storage warehouse.

With that same eye ever open for business he had these evidences of his liberality insured. The warehouse was soon after burned and he received a snug little sum of cash which he brought back to his still deserted ranch with ghoulish glee. Well, he had a deucedly lively time after that settling things, but that wasn't in the Christmas spirit so we say nothing about it. Now he was one kind of giver.

Right over across the way was another couple in a quiet boarding house, an actor and his wife. Charlie was a little sawed-off Irish comedian, a funny little chap with a wen over his eye. He was an artist in his way. His make up was wonderful and his comicalities irresistible; why, he could even make a North Adams audience laugh heartily and applaud appropriately without half trying.

When Charlie returned from his theatrical tours his first delight was to greet again his devoted little blond wife, also a professional, and then slip around to old Dr. Deems Methodist prayer meeting, and after that distribute to his wife and friends the simple little rememberances he had picked up for them on his tours each one having taste and heart in it. Charlie and his little wife have earned together their happiness and their simple Christmas gifts have had much to do with it all.

But whatever you bother yourself about don't bother about suitable presents for men. No present is suitable for a man, or rather no man is suited for a present. Your real man don't want any, at least nothing more than some little reminder of yourself; if it has something of yourself, your work or taste about it it's all right even though it has not a dime's worth of silver value in it. Why, we have known a great manly chap who would cherish a lock of hair, or a nearly worn out tiny shoe sent to him fresh from a live kicking baby's foot, while he would almost forget to thank the giver of a costly gift that had no heart in it.

MAYOR HOUGHTON'S SUGGESTIONS

If there has been any doubt at all during the first year of our city government as to our representative citizens taking an interest in municipal affairs, the splendid meeting at the board of trade rooms Friday night must certainly have removed it. The meeting was largely attended, the rooms being overcrowded and many standing in the hall ways.

The admirable suggestions of Mayor Houghton concerning street improvements were very clearly and forcibly presented. They met with instant and hearty approval by the entire meeting, there not being a dissenting voice while several strong endorsements of them were given. The suggestions and remarks elicited by them are outlined in our news columns. There would seem to be no doubt about the plan being promptly adopted by the city and to its great and permanent benefit.

A dispatch says an operation has been performed upon Mrs. Ella Castle, of San Francisco, whose recent arrest in London on the charge of shop-lifting created a sensation. The nature of the operation is not known further than it was for the purpose of alleviating the maladies under which Mrs. Castle is said to be suffering and it is understood it was successful. Ahem! The advance of surgical science is truly charitable as well as marvelous.

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota advertises that he would vote for the consideration of a tariff measure, as "it would give us 30 days' discussion of the silver question, in which we could give attention to the late campaign in a way that may not be otherwise offered." Avaunt! Pettigrew. This is no time for reminiscences—Boston Journal.

We want to make a tidy paragraph, and know no better way of doing it—although it may be considered crewel—than to say that the Afghans are worsted. If the joke is a little threadbare, darn it, if you choose.—Boston Transcript. The NORTH ADAMS TRANSCRIPT would respectfully say "nit" to the above cruel perpetration.

Speaking again of the surplus of cheap burlesque shows that blow in upon this city and deluge it with their trash; really something should be done to abâte the evil. The amount that the city receives for licenses from them is a poor return indeed for the money they carry away and the influences they leave behind.

She—"How did you enjoy the opera, Mr. DeSola?"

DeSola—"Oh, it was lovely! I'was just carried away with the music."

His rival (sotto voce)—"So's the organgrinder's monkey.—Truth.

Boarding-school Teacher—And now, Edith; tell me the plural of baby.

Edith (promptly)—Twins.

Reserve next Friday evening for a good time at the hospital concert and promenade.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

Tub Night Selections for the Little Tads, Before You Put Them Between the Sheets.

MORE MOTHER GOOSE.

Mickory, mockery, our black hen,
She lays eggs for women and men;
She lays them on Sunday,
She lays them on Monday,
And she lays them on every day beside,
And every egg that she lays is fried
(Or boiled, or roasted, or poached, or something.)

Naughty Joe Peter,
He went out to teeter,
His granny went with him to keep him from harm;
No granny was kinder,
But Joe wouldn't mind her,
And so he went home with a broken arm.

Run around the race course, when they ring the bell,
First horse, last horse, who can tell?
First horse, last horse, any horse you choose,
But don't bet your money unless you want to lose.

Little Bo-Peep
He stole a sheep,
And didn't know where to hide it;
So he cut off its head
And put it in bed,
And then crept in beside it.
What a terrible boy was little Bo-Peep,
To cut off the head of an innocent sheep.

A boy named Jack Horner,
Who lived round the corner,
One day was eating a stolen mince pie;
He bit off his thumb,
Which he thought was a plumb,
And then didn't young Jack Horner cry.

The cow and the ox
Tumbled down from the rocks,
And went right under the water;
The cow was found,
But the ox was drowned,
And that was the end of the matter.

—Buffalo Evening News.

ARMENIAN MOTHER SONG.
(A free rendering from the original.)

Slumber sweetly, darling baby,
Perfect in thy mother's eye.
Shall I bring thee for a plaything
Moon or star from azure sky?
May thy days, my sweet, be many,
And thy blessings many, too;
May they come to thee in numbers,
Like the morning's pearly dew.

Slumber while my song I sing thee;
Slumber, darling, angel child;
Naught is there so sweet and lovely,
Naught so pure and undefiled.
Not a lily in the garden,
Not a rose with blush of morn—
Nothing is there half so fragrant,
Fairest of all children born.

Slumber darling, slumber soundly;
Sleep o'er thee has spread her wing,
Mother will with angels guard thee,
And a mother song will sing.
As I raise thy robe, thy forehead
With the dew of sleep is wet,
Like a rose when o'er the mountains
Summer's smiling sun has set.

Now I'll take thee in my bosom,
Like a rose of deepest red,
And I'll plant thee in the garden—
There I'll make for thee a bed.
And my tear-drops o'er thee falling,
Falling like the summer showers,
Thou shalt bloom in wondrous beauty,
Queen of all the garden flowers.
—George W. Croits in Chicago Inter-Ocean

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnum left today for Westfield, where they were called by the serious illness of Mrs. Arnum's brother.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Oct. 5, 1896.

Trains Leave North Adams going East—a1.37, 1.5.18, 7.23, 9.53, 11.42 a. m.; 2.22, 14.12, c2.00 p. m.

Going West—7.30, 10.03 a. m.; 12.23, 1.21, 5.05, 18.05 11.46, c2.39, c7.40 p. m.

Trains Arrive from East—10.03 a. m.; 12.15, 1.21, 6.00, 18.05, 11.46, c2.39 p. m.

From West—a1.37, 15.18, 7.23, 9.53, 11.42 a. m.; 2.22, 14.10, 7.00 p. m., c2.00 p.m.

a Runs Daily, except Monday.
1 Runs Daily, Sundays included.
c Sundays only.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

Trains leave North Adams going south.—6.25, 8.00, 9.55 a. m., 12.15, 3.05, 6.05, 7.05.

Sundays only—9.25, a. m., 1.55, 6.00 p. m.

Trains arrive from south—8.24, 10.05 a. m., 12.05 2.35, 5.50, 8.00, 10.20 p. m.

Sundays only—11.30 a. m., 4.40, 7.50. p. m.

Hoosac Valley Street Railway.

ADAMS LINE.

Leave North Adams—6.15, *6.35, 7.00, 7.15, 7.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 a. m., 12.15. 1.15, 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.35, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15. 8.45, 9.15, 1.45, 10.15, *10.45.

Leave Adams—5.30, 6.30, *6.30, 7.00, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 a. m., 12.15, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, *10.30, *11.00.

WILLIAMSTOWN LINE.

Leave North Adams—5.30, 6.00, 7.00, 7.15, 8.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 a. m., 12.15, 1.15 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15.

Leave Williamstown—6.15, 7.00, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 a. m., 12.15, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.40, 8.00 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.30 11.00.

*To Zylonite only

On Saturdays and Sundays commencing at 1.30 p. m., cars run on both lines every 20 minutes. 6.45 p. m., workmen, Zylonite to Adams and Zylonite to North Adams.

Cars reach Blackinton twenty minutes after leaving either end of the line.

Stages.

Run Daily, except Sundays.

NORTH ADAMS AND WILLIAMSTOWN.

THOMAS MCMAHON, Proprietor.

Leave Richmond House, North Adams, 9.30 a. m., 12.15, 2.40, 6 p. m., and, Saturdays, 9.10 p. m. Leave McMahon's Stable, Williamstown, 8.00 a. m., 11 a. m.; 1 45 p. m., and, Saturdays, 5 p. m.

NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.

J. E. FAULKNER, Proprietor.

Leave Post Office, North Adams, 1.30 p.
Leave Post Office, Readsboro, 8 a. m.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The Monday club will meet with Mrs. C. H. Cutting at the home on East Main street next week.

—A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—A dynamite blast in Willow Dell the other day broke several windows in E. J. Withereil's blacksmith shop.

—A 15-cent supper will be served Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock at the Congregational chapel for the members and their friends.

—The Junior Mission band of the Methodist church are dressing fifty dolls for a Christmas box to be sent to the "Haven Home" at Savannah, Ga.

—Prof. Robert Turner of Boston will give an illustrated lecture in the Universalist church Friday evening on Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop."

—The choral class, which will sing at Mr. Roberts' recital, is requested to be at the Universalist church Sunday at 3 30 o'clock.

—George W. Raymond of Spring street drew the handsome tapestry painting by Mrs. Anna E. Baker, which was disposed of by tickets Friday evening.

—At the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church Wednesday evening a vote of thanks was tendered to all who participated in its recent sale.

—The annual sale will be held at the Union chapel at Braytonville Thursday and Friday of next week, afternoon and evening. A turkey supper will be served from 7 to 8 o'clock.

—About forty couples attended the social and dance held Friday evening by the Artillery Campaign club in their hall on State street. Clapps' orchestra furnished music and the occasion afforded a social time to all in attendance.

—E. J. Witherell lost a valuable cow Thursday. The animal had been sick for two weeks and under the care of Dr. McDonell. The cow was a Holstine and Guernsey cross and was raised by Mr. Witherell.

—Ladies desiring to have their own or their children's clothing made, or any kind of plain or fancy sewing done, at home will be interested to know that the address of an experienced seamstress desiring such engagements can be obtained at the TRANSCRIPT office, as per advertisement under situations wanted.

—A large number were present Friday evening at the Methodist church, at the missionary social given by the members of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary, and the Young Ladies' Missionary societies. A very pleasing musical and literary program was given, each number of which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

—List of letters advertised in North Adams, Mass., post office December 9, 1896. Mrs. W. J. Hannen, Clara St. Hilaire, Mrs. Carl A. Nitsche (2), Mrs. Jessie Rice, Mrs. Clara Rochter, Mrs. C. P. Watson, Louis Baggert & Co., Joseph Demery, Gove Geron, James Hayhew, Alex LaBlue, Wm. Maynard, M. McManus, John Parker, Thos. Parker, A. P. Russell, Albert White, Joseph Yitt, John Gisler.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. James Pattison of Springfield is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pattison in this city.

Dr. Abbott's Lecture.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, who is to speak in North Adams next Wednesday evening on "Our Homes and Their Enemies," is both a conservative and a progressive man. What he says on sociological topics is sure to be full of good sense and moderation and to evince the close touch with modern conditions. Pittsfield should surely furnish sixty people willing to go to North Adams to hear him. If it does, a special train will be run.—Pittsfield Journal.

Church Notices.

For Tomorrow.

Y. M. C. A. SERVICES.

The regular 4 o'clock meeting will be devoted entirely to a service for the railroad men. Conductor Samuel Stevens will lead the meeting.

NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

The following musical program will be rendered Sunday:

Organ—selected	
Introit—Gregorian	
Kyrie } Millard's Mass in G	
Credo }	
Offertoire—Rorate-chant de L'avent	
Sanctus } Millard's in G	
Agnus Dei }	
Organ—selected	

3 P. M.

Pontefical March	Gagnon
Adoro Te	Hermann
Salve Regina	Haydn
Veni Jesu	Cherubim
Benediction du T. S. S.	
Pater Noster	Gounod
Alma Redemptoris	Lambillotte
Tantum Ergo	Labelle
Organ Finale	Lemmens

Joseph B. Brodeur, organist and choir director.

At the 3 o'clock service Bishop Beaven will give confirmation to a class of about 250 children.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Communion will be observed at the morning service. A short address will be given by the pastor. Subject, "The Cleaned Heart." The subject of the evening's sermon will be "The Heart of Stone and Its Cure."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. A. B. Penniman of Adams will preach at the morning service in exchange with the pastor. Regular service with preaching by the pastor on "Chysostom and Augustine."

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.

Meetings Sunday, 11.30 a. m., 3.30 p. m., 8.00 p. m. The night meetings will be a farewell of the captain and lieutenant. They will leave here Wednesday for Cambridgeport. Captain Foley and lieutenant Drollinger will be here to take charge Wednesday night, Dec 16.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Regular morning service with preaching by Rev. O. I. Darling of Adams, in exchange with the pastor. Usual vesper service at 4.30 o'clock. The pastor's subject will be "The Christain Work of Our Local and General Government."

The Young People's meeting will be held immediately after the vesper service. The subject will be "What Can We Do for Our Home Church?" Rev. W. D. Potter district missionary of the Young Peoples Christian union, will be present and address the members.

Miss Griswold, Miss Whitney and Mrs. Anderson are pleased to announce an exhibition and sale of art embroidery and china on Tuesday, Dec. 15 (all day and evening) at 139 East Main street, next door to the residence of Mr. John A. Rice.

Nelson Morrison of East Main street has returned from a short business stay at Bennington, Vt.

Additional Local News on Pages One and Four.

TOWN TALK.

Hon. William E. Gladstone will speak at Artillery hall, State street, next Tuesday evening. This is a rare chance to hear the "grand old man."

There will be given a sale of Christmas Toys, Dolls, etc., at Artillery hall, State street, next Tuesday evening.

Miss Spencer, Modiste.

Cutting and fitting done by Mme. Dostus' French Taylor System, the World's Fair Gold Medal Chart. Perfect fitting a speciality. Can be seen for the present at C. W. Billings 128 E. Main St.. 170-6t.

LIKE HYPNOTISM.

Habits That Appear Almost Hypnotic.

The tenacity with which some habits stick to people, or people stick to the habits, is very remarkable, particularly the tobacco and coffee habit.

People act almost as if they were in reality under a hypnotic spell. They promise themselves and friends time and again that they will leave off, when they find health forsaking them, but they make one excuse or another and keep on the dreary way as if guided by an unseen spirit of evil.

Physicians realize the uselessness of treating a patient for any of the multitude of nervous disease so long as the poisonous alkaloids of tobacco and coffee are being taken into the system, even in minute doses.

It is a simple matter to break the coffee spell if the food-drink, Postum, the health coffee made by the Postum Cereal Co. lim. of Battle Creek, Mich., is used in its place. This is a fac-simile of fine Mocha coffee in looks when brewed, and changes to the rich golden brown of old Java when cream is added. Being made wholly of grains intended by the Creator for man's subsistence, it makes red blood quickly and is fattening and nourishing. The muddy complexion disappears and in its place comes the clear skin of health with rich blood coursing back of it. Many people are sick and do not know that it is the insidious poison of coffee that prostrates stomach and liver and causes it. They laugh at first, but a trial of a week without coffee and using the food-drink, Postum, makes one wake up to a great big live fact.

The children can sip from papa's or mamma's coffee cup, if it happens to contain Postum and their little bodies will grow round and fat under the nourishment of the pure grains, but it is a heartless proceeding to feed the tender bodies on coffee, as every one knows the puny, sickly looks of coffee drinking children.

Let people adopt healthful food and drink and "throw physic to the dogs."

"Just as good" as Postum Cereal are words used to defraud the public.

Garland of Violets.

Palmer's latest perfume fragrant and lasting 80 cents an ounce at Kearn's Pharmacy.

Carbonettes (dead finished photos) cabinets $3 per dozen at the New York studio, 26 Main street.

Elastic Trusses

Are easy to wear and easy to buy $1.37 at Kearn's Pharmacy.

Cucumber Jelly

Is the proper lotion for chapped hands and face, 25 cents at Kearn's Pharmacy.

Syrup of White Pine

Is the best. 19 cents a bottle at Kearn's Pharmacy 39 Eagle street.

If you need the the services of an experienced gardner, write Jeremiah Barry, North Adams, and he will call at your house or office. Trees, vines, shrubbbery and roses cared for. Now is the time to have pruning attended to.

LOST.

On Saturday Eve, Dec. 5, a Diamond pin on Holden st. A suitable reward will be given if left at this Office or Shaw's Livery Stables. E. A. Shaw. 1 169

WANTED.

Boarders wanted at 114 Eagle st. w 170 6x

To hire Apr. 1 for a term of years, milk route and farm. Experience refertnce furnishes. Address Lemuel Bottum, Willimetic Conn. 169 3 x

Dressmaking. Mrs. M. A. Russell, rear 68 Bracewell ave., near Eagle st. w 164 10tx

Horses to board for the Winter good warm stables and well cared for. Address Charles Witkop, Williamstown Mass. Markham farm. w. 161 6x

NOTICE.

I hereby notify all persons not to trust or harbor any one on my account after this date.
GEORGE W. WILLIAMS.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 10, 1896.

We Have Confidence In Your Judgment!

And earnestly solicit your personal inspection of our stock that you may know our prices, (which are in plain figures)

DICKINSON, JEWELER AND ART DEALER, NORTH ADAMS.

We do not hesitate to say

We Want Your Trade

But we do not expect the same unless both

Price and Real Merit

Of our Goods warrant our receiving it.

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK.
Of North Adams, Mass.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Adams National bank will be held at their Banking house in North Adams on
Tuesday, the 12th day of January
next, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the following purposes, to wit:
1st. To choose Directors for the ensuing year.
2nd. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
E. S. WILKINSON, Cashier.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 10, 1896.

I HAVE OPENED in a part of the store occupied by F. N. Ray, on Main st., a line of

BOOKS

from the publishing houses of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Harper & Brothers, MacMillan & Co., and other firms of established reputation. Well bound copies of the best Authors. A choice selection of Holiday and Juvenile Books, which you are invited to look at. Respectfully,

W. W. DARBY.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 12, 1896.

COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

DAN McCARTHY

In His New Play

THE DEAR IRISH HOME

First-class Specialties.
Clog, Reel and Jig Dancing.

Prices, 35c, 50c, 75c.

Seats on sale at Bartlett's, Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 9 a. m.

NOTICE.

The Board of Public Works will hold their regular meetings in their room at City Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock.
W. G. CADY, Chairman,
JAS. E. HUNTER,
GEO. W. CHASE.

If You Want

Diamonds, Watches, Lamps, China, Pottery, Umbrellas, or Anything in the

Silver Line

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WATCHMAKER AND OPTICIAN

ALWAYS THE BEST AT LOWEST PRICES

COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, Dec. 14.

The Greatest of all Irish Comedians,

GONROY & FOX

IN

O'Flarity's Vacation.

New Dances, Catchy Songs.

Up-to-Date Specialties.

PRICES, 35c, 50c, and 75c.

Seats on sale at Bartlett's Drug Store

COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.

Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Wm. Calder's Great Scenic Production,

THE SPAN OF LIFE

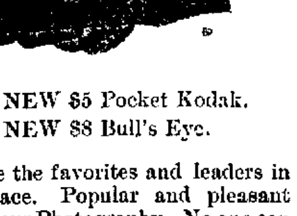
By Sutton Vane, author of "The Cotton King," "Humanity."

See the Human Bridge.
See the Ocean Liner.
See the Lighthouse.

PRICES, 35c, 50c, and 75c.

Seats on sale at Bartlett's drug store, Monday, Dec. 14, at 9 a. m.

F. G. Fountain.



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THE NEW $8 Bull's Eye.

Are the favorites and leaders in the race. Popular and pleasant Amateur Photography. No one can afford to do without good pictures when they can be obtained with so little trouble and expense.

F. G. FOUNTAIN.

Society Stationery and Photographic Outfits,
Bank St., North Adams, Mass.

A COLD SNAP

As the winter season approaches you will hear frequent allusions made to cold snaps. A cold snap is no soft snap to the individual, for it means oftentimes a troublesome cough, sleepless nights, and unless relief is soon obtained, a possible case of pnuemonia. In this ever changeable climate of ours great care must be exercised, especially among those susceptible to colds but in spite of this, colds will prevail from now until spring. There is one safeguard, however, that can be relied upon. At the first indication of an approaching cold

DR. STAFFORD'S COUGH CURE

If taken according to directions will in a very short time banish it entirely from the system. The late Dr. Stafford was well known in this vicinity where he had an extensive practice and this valuable remedy was thoroughly tested by him. The formula has now become our property and we have met with the most gratifying results in every case where it has been resorted to in time.

SOLD EVERYWHERE.

GEO. A. SIMARD & CO.

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Opp Post Office - North Adams.

Dainty Decorations..

FOR CHRISTMAS. Old Dutch chairs, Mahoghany Chairs and Tables, White Enamel Screens and Easels.

Burdett & Rawlinson.

BAD WEATHER

Sudden changes from warm to cold and cold to warmer, cold rains and forgetting umbrellas, rubbers, overcoats, etc., are now frequent happenings beyond the control of most people. Result, "They Catch Cold."

ASHMAN'S SURE COUGH CURE

Will cure that Cough or Cold, and when we say will cure, we mean it. If it dont, Your Money Back. Hundreds of bottles sold last winter and not one returned. Try it and you'll use no other. PRICE 25 Cents.

ASHMAN'S PHARMACY
93 MAIN STREET. - - DAVENPORT BLOCK.
Store open from 6 a. m. until midnight

New Buckwheat Flour
10 lb for 25c.

White Clover Honey
15c a box.

Maple Syrup
25c a qt.

C. O. D. STORE.

Boucle Cloakings.

We have a limited stock left of the BOUCLE CLOAKINGS that have been so popular this Fall. They are too good for our wholesale trade and we give the Ladies of this section the advantage of their sale at retail. Also quite a large line of Remnants, Sample Ends, Trouserings, and Suitings in Wool and Worsted, New Cheviots, etc. A new line of All-Wool Dress Goods soon coming out, also too good for our Commission Trade. Call at our new Warehouse adjoining our office in Blackinton. Open on Saturdays. Trolley Cars pass the door often.

Blackinton Co.
Blackinton, Mass.

HELP WANTED.

Agents Macintoshes. Rubber and Oil Clothing; Belting; Fire and other Hose etc. Largest house in the line. Free samples. Protected territory, Cash Commission. Factory, P. O. 1371, New York. h 1 8

Experienced stitcher. F. J. Barber & Co. h 168

Agents to sell the hydrocal fire extinguiser in Berkshire and Bennington counties. Something new. Inquire 2 New Blackinton Block Main st. h 160 tf

Two lady agents for city and Adams for article of real merit on commission. Send address stating age and experience, M. box 195, Williamstown Mass. h 153 tf

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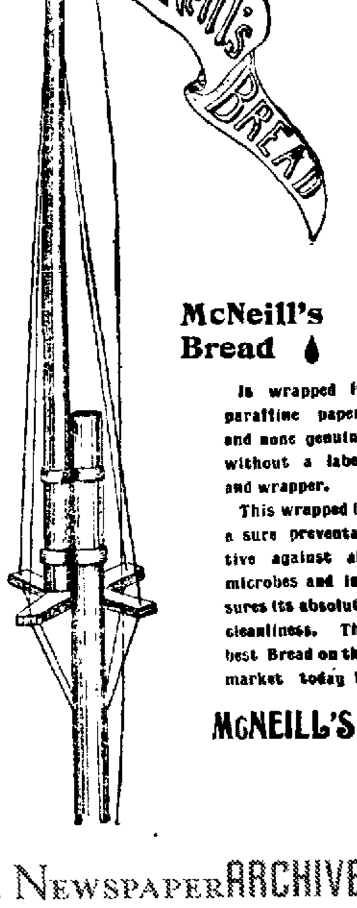

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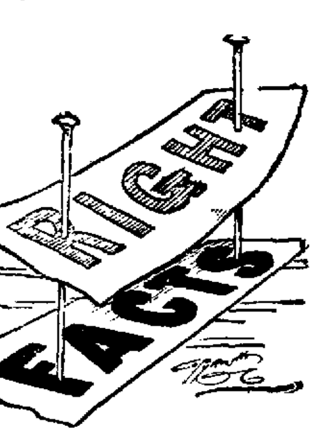

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Notes Concerning the Workingmen's Benefit Association--Andrew Sero Falls from a High Ladder--Entertainments of Friday Evening--Improvements at the Renfrew Mill--Musicale at Mrs. George Allen's Home--Other Local News.

Friday's Entertainments.

The lecture at the Congregation house Friday evening by Edwin Rogers on "Pilgrims, Puritans and Quakers," was well attended and the audience enjoyed the excellent lecture very much. Mr. Rogers is a good speaker and the lecture is brimming over with brightness.

The social of the Epworth league at Trinity Methodist church was very pleasant. There was a large attendance and the program was carried through successfully. Supper was served in the dining room.

Greylock lodge, N. E O. P., initiated officers at its regular meeting in Odd Fellows' hall and after the meeting had a private sociable. The affair was admirably conducted and the Protectionists had a splendid time.

Workingmen's Association.

The Workingmen's Sick and Death Benefit association will hold its regular meeting in Koehler's Turn hall on Summer street at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The association will have a Christmas tree on the day of the feast and the singing club connected with it intends to have a play in the hall sometime in January.

Musicale and Reception.

Mrs. George Allen gave a very pleasant reception and musicale at her home on Summer street this afternoon, in honor of her friend, Miss Davis of Leadville, Col. A large number of Mrs. Allen's friends were present and the musical program which was informal, was excellent.

Renfrew Mill Improvements.

Contractor James Fleming is progressing rapidly with his work of improvement at the Renfrew company's lower mill. The roof of the dye house was taken off and a new one is being laid by Mr. Fleming and his men. The company has not decided to construct coal trestle proposed some time ago, just yet.

Fell From a Ladder.

Andrew Sero, an employe of L. A. Weston, while working at the home of Frank A. Waters, Friday, fell from a high ladder and escaped by the merest chance without serious injury. Mr. Sero's arm and ankle were injured but only bruised and he will be able to go to work next week.

W. B. Green has returned from a business trip to New York,

J. W. Stiffler & Co. opened their new store in the Bank block today. Mr. Stiffler will have his broker business in the rear part and the Postal Telegraph company will have its office in front.

Hugh McIntyre left Friday evening for Syracuse, N. Y., after spending a few days in town.

The committees of the four Berkshire courts of Foresters will meet at the Adams house Sunday to arrange for the proposed county field day.

Mary Doe, an Armenian woman was in court this morning charged with peddling without a license. She paid a fine.

Miss Jane Fyfe and W. B. Miner will be united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dow, in Barrett's block, December 29.

Mrs. James Maroney of Turners Falls, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Kelley at Renfrew.

The women of St. Mark's Episcopal church will hold their annual Christmas sale at the church Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Division 3, A. O. H., will hold its annual meeting at its hall in Jones' block Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Zahner will preach at St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday on "The Coming of Christ to Judgment."

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Smith left today for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will remain a short time and then go west to California, stopping at New Orleans en route. They will spend the greater portion of the winter in Southern California returning in the spring.

Regular services will be held in all the churches Sunday.

CHESHIRE.

Christmas Festival.

The pupils of the high school, assisted by several of the townspeople, will give a Christmas festival in Academy hall Friday evening, December 18, the proceeds to be used for purchasing paint, paper, pictures and other needed articles to beautify the high school room. The town does not have many affairs that differ much from the ordinary social, and the people should take a double interest in the festival which is for a good cause, and it should be liberally patronized. The following committees have been appointed: entertainment, Nellie Prince, Sadie Tyrell, Rena Foster; decoration, Roy Reynolds, Jere Donovan, James McDonald Herbert Cummings; poster, Ruth Phillips, Ella Flaherty, Agnes Curran; advertising agent, Maud Ingalls.

Mrs. Leland Lincoln has gone to Lincoln, Mass., for the winter.

Miss Emma Martin has been chosen librarian by the directors of the Cheshire Library association.

The Traveling club met with Miss Lulu Lane Friday evening. The readers were Mrs. F. T. Foster, Miss Georgie Foster and Mrs. Howard Chilson. Miss Jessie Farnum and Miss Emma Martin were critics.

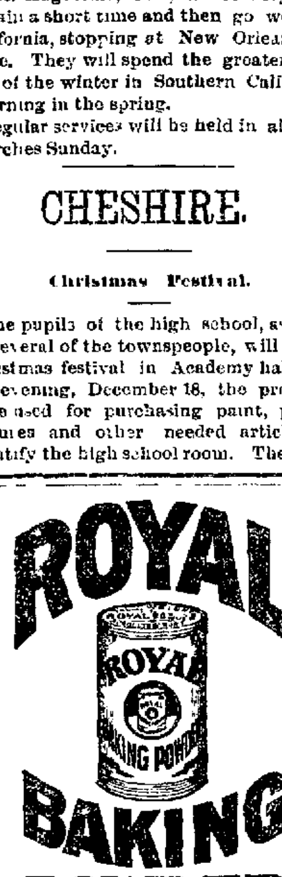
L. B. Wood, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is slowly improving. Dr. D. E Thayer of Adams has been attending him.

POWNAL.

On Church street Friday evening teams driven by Arthur Haley and I. G. Sanborn collided. Haley's wagon was badly broken, but Saborn's came through without a scratch. Miss Lizzie Haley, who was on the seat with her brother, was thrown out and sustained painful although not dangerous injuries.

Remember the North Pownal Congregational church fair next week in Academy hall.

The case of the state vs. John Abrams was not pressed, owing to a lack of evidence on the part of the state necessary to convict.



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LILIOUKALANI'S VISIT.

The Ex-Queen Will Be Received Only as a Private Citizen in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 12.—While no official information has been received as to the purpose of Liliuokalani's visit to this country, her coming at this time occasions much comment in official quarters She will be met here, it is understood, by Princess Kaiulani, who has been living in Italy, and will come here for this meeting. Minister Hatch of Hawaii is now in New York, and Mr. Cooper, the Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, is on the way to San Francisco, to take the steamer for Hawaii on the 16th inst. This will bring him into close proximity to Liliuokalani at San Francisco. In the event of the former queen and princess coming to Washington they could not be received except as private citizens of the Hawaiian republic, the United States having formally recognized the republic and its diplomatic representatives having received full official credit here.

The Deposed Queen Reticent.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Liliuokalani, the ex-queen of Hawaii, is still in this city. To all questions concerning her intentions she replies: "I have not yet matured my plans." She will not say why she left Honolulu. The Hawaiian consul, however, has received advices from his government stating that on the morning of her departure Liliuokalani called on President Dole and informed him that she was going to Boston to see relatives of her husband, the late John Dominis. Representatives of Hawaii in this country have been instructed to show the former queen every courtesy while she is in the United States.

THE HOUSE NOT IN SESSION.

Much Quiet Comment Upon Chaplain Conden's Prayer.

Washington, Dec 12.—The house is not in session to-day, having adjourned over until Monday after the expiration of last night's session, which was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. There is much quiet comment upon the prayer delivered by Chaplain Conden yesterday, in which he referred directly to the bill passed by the house Thursday forbidding the sale of liquor in the capitol and asked that the bill might speedily become a law never to be repealed. The resolution extending until the end of the session the investigation by the joint committee of the use of alcohol in the arts was agreed to. Yesterday being private bill day, nine were reported and two passed.

Left All to Miss Bissell.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec 12.—Robert Trumbull, who committed suicide by taking a large dose of strychnine while being taken to the county jail yesterday, wrote the following note and sent it to his lawyer just before his death: "In case of my demise I leave everything that I rightfully possess to Mildred Emma Bissell of Hamilton, Ont." Miss Bissell is the young woman who refused to keep company with Trumbull when the latter tried to shoot her. By his mother's death which occurred last week, as a result of the shock at her son's disgrace, Trumbull came into $10,000 worth of property.

Confesses to a Murder.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec 12.—George Erb, aged 34, the stone mason who formerly lived at Mechanicsburg, this state, who called at police headquarters last evening and confessed his participation in a murder at Fort Smith, Ark., last March, saying that he and a woman named Ella Hicks gave Edward Nutter, a weighmaster, knock-out drops for the purpose of robbery, Nutter subsequently dying, will be held in jail here until his story is investigated. He said his conscience annoyed him.

Awful Mode of Suicide.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 12.—Miss Selma Kugle, 17 years old, a farmer's daughter living near Fair View, committed suicide yesterday morning by throwing herself in front of a rapidly moving Erie & Pittsburg railway train. Despondency over the loss of a position is believed to have been the cause of the girl's rash act

Hanna in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec 12.—Mark A Hanna, the republican national chairman, stopped over here on his way from Washington to Cleveland and spent last night as the guest of Frank Thomson, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

DEATH OF J. R. KENDRICK.

Expired Suddenly in a Cab While Being Driven to His Home in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 12.—J. R. Kendrick, vice-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway, who expired suddenly yesterday afternoon while driving from the station in this city to his home in Newbury street, had been a sufferer for some time with pains in the left chest and it is believed by physicians that rheumatism of the heart caused his death. Mr. Kendrick came to the Old Colony in 1871, when Governor Stearns was called to the presidency of that road. He has been associated with railroading in New England since 1850, and during his long service with the Old Colony has had much to do with its remarkable development. He has been either general superintendent or general manager from 1871 to the time of the lease by the New York, New Haven & Hartford when he was made third vice-president

Pugilist Slavin Under Arrest.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 12.—Frank P Slavin, the pugilist, was arrested last evening and held in $200 bail by Justice Mayfield on a charge of assault and battery. His former manager, Dr John A. Dougherty, charges Slavin with having brutally assaulted him Dougherty is laid up in bed as a result of his encounter with Slavin.

Bill To Increase Salaries.

Washington, Dec 12.—Mr Boatner dem., Louisiana, has offered in the house a bill increasing to $10,000 per year the salary of the speaker of the house of representatives and to $7,500 per year the salaries of senators and representatives, to go into effect on March 4, 1897.

Manager New York L Road.

New York, Dec. 12.—W. J. Fransioli formerly private secretary to the late Col. Hain of the Manhattan Elevated Railway company, has been appointed general manager of the road

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LOCAL NEWS.

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEES MEET.

Reports from the Several Chairmen Show Progress in the Work.

The annual committeemen's tea, which was served at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening, was one of the most interesting and entertaining gatherings of the year. The tables were arranged in the parlors and at 6.15 o'clock the diners were seated and without delay the dinner was served. The Ladies' Auxiliary had charge, and for nearly an hour the good things provided were partaken off. Those present were the directors and the committeemen of the Y. M. C. A and the o... and heads of committees of the Ladies' Auxiliary, making fifty-five persons in all.

When the dinner was over President George M. Darby arose and made a brief address, dwelling upon the purpose for which they had assembled. The following chairmen reported.

Superintendent Hall, for the educational committee; George Hopkins, for the finance committee; W. S. Loynes, for the entertainment committee; W. A. Whitaker, for the boys' department; W. W. Butler, for the rooms committee; Wells Darby, for the associate members; Mrs. H. W. Clark, for the auxiliary. J. A. Anderson, chairman of the gymnasium committee, was obliged to leave early in the evening and his report was not heard. It is probable that the report will be submitted at an early meeting of the directors.

The reports showed a general progress in all branches of the association work and the members of the several committees were much encouraged by hearing favorable returns from all sides.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Will Probably Accept the Notch Dam from Contractor Cuozzo Today.

The regular meeting of the board of public works was held Friday afternoon and Engineer Geer and Contractor Cuozzo were both present. The report from the reservoir is very satisfactory. There is about forty-three feet of water in it now, or nearly fifty million gallons. The water is within seven feet of the spillway.

The members of the board and Mr. Cuozzo will visit the reservoir this afternoon for a final inspection and it will undoubtedly result in the work being accepted by the board. The work on the surface sewer system will be completed for this year next week.

Not During the Holidays.

While nothing has been definitely decided upon as yet regarding the date of the annual Charity ball, it is probable that it will not be held during the holidays, as for two years past, but rather later in the year. It is, however, certain that the ball will take place.

The First of a Series.

The first of a series of social dances to be given by the Artillery Campaign club was held in the club room, on State street Friday evening. Clapp's orchestra furnished music. About forty couples enjoyed the event and those to come are anticipated with pleasure.

Will Appear In New Haven.

J. F. Black, the well known character vocalist and a member of Clan McIntyre, has been engaged to take part in the celebration of the Burns' anniversary under the direction of the Caledonian club at New Haven, Conn., January 22.

MENACE TO NAVIGATION.

An Unusual Number of Icebergs in Transatlantic Steamship Track.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The naval hydrographic office finds signs of an unusual number of icebergs on the north Atlantic, according to reports which it has received from the United Associated Press and from marines. From the number of bergs already reported it is declared that they are not only making their appearance very early in the season, which does not ordinarily begin until January or February, but are dangerously near the westbound transatlantic steamer track.

A Victim of Suspicion.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Gov. Carr has pardoned Henry Smith of Asheville, and thus ends a very remarkable case of circumstantial evidence. Smith, while working on the railway in Davidson county, passed the house of a man named Ellington, who almost immediately missed $1,200. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment. Now the money has been discovered. It was taken by Ellington's son during a drunken spree and hid. The young man forgot where he put it, and it was discovered only by accident.

Window Glass Factories Resume.

Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—The window glass factories of D. O. Cunningham & Co., on South Twenty-second street. Phillips & Co., South Twentieth street. Chambers Glass Co., New Kensington Belle Vernon Glass Co., Belle Vernon and Cunningham & Co., limited, of the southside began blowing last night. McKee & Co., on South Thirteenth street, will blow Monday morning. This will give employment to a large number of men who have been idle several months.

Rubber Mill To Start Up.

Providence, Dec. 12.—The new Banigan rubber mill will start up within a month and probably within two weeks. It will employ from 600 to 1,000 hands and will produce 15,000 pairs of shoes a day. The mill is fitted with the most improved machinery and is said by Joseph Banigan to have the finest equipment of any rubber mill in the world. Advanced methods will be used and the tools used in the mill will be made there.

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT POSTPONED

Approach of Holidays One of the Causes Waiting Until the New Year for a Revival---Rush of Orders Not Continued.

New York, Dec. 12.—Dun's weekly review of the state of trade for the week just ending will to-day say: Approach of holidays and doubt about the action of congress put off further improvement until the new year. While industries have gained in working force, they are waiting for commensurate gain in demand, and meanwhile are trying to clear away embarrassments which restrict them. Speculation has been halting and timid. There is no sober-minded fear of foreign difficulty. Money is in abundant supply, lending to London continues, and there is nothing to cause less activity in general business except that the rush of orders has not been continued. The volume of business shown by clearings has been for the week smaller than last year. Money is still accumulating, $1,750,000 having come in from the interior this week, and rates are falling, much mill paper having been placed at less than 4 per cent. The prospect of cheap money and too much of it, for some time to come, helps to cause that strong undertone which prevents decline in stocks at all proportioned to the shrinkage of earnings or the vigor of speculative raids.

Wheat and Cotton.

The wheat market has weakened with less gloomy news from other countries, and larger western receipts. Disappointment about the break in prices may help to increase receipts. Atlantic exports were small. Pacific dispatches show that exports continue very heavy. The market has declined 1¼ cents, and the decrease in the demand for flour with high rail rates has closed nearly all the Superior-Duluth and many of the other northwestern mills. Cotton has declined three-sixteenths, and in spite of all stories that the crop has been nearly marketed, continues to come forward steadily. With over 5,000,000 bales in sight already, there are estimates based on government reports that the yield is 8,300,000 bales or less, which would leave but 3,300,000 to come forward in eight months and three weeks. When the official report first came there was a rush of buyers; a few minutes turned the current, and a rapid decline followed.

The Iron Industry.

The iron industry is for the time being demoralized by uncertainty regarding the great combinations. The formal withdrawal of the Bellaire Co. broke the billet pool. The bar association scarcely contends to control prices, which are slightly lower this week for steel, and the rupture of the nail association has for the time left the base price for wire nails about $1.50 at Pittsburg, with extra charges on ordinary assortments averaging 12 cents, against $2.55 paid last month, with extras averaging 70 cents. Until the future influence of these combinations is better defined, narrow trading must be expected, and Bessemer pig and Gray forge are slightly lower.

Boots and Shoes.

The boot and shoe industry has reached the point where many of the cutters are no longer needed, though in finishing there is enough to do until the holidays on orders taken before the main advance. Buff and grain leather have dropped about a cent with scarcely any demand, though sole and union are unchanged, and the weakness in hides, encourages jobbers to believe prices of boots and shoes cannot be maintained. Minor metals are generally weaker. Aluminum has been reduced for ingots, ton lots, and rods, production having increased four fold.

Textiles.

Textile industries are working a larger force than in October, but there is not much evidence of larger demand, and some kinds of goods are accumulating. As raw cotton is lower, some yielding in prices of staples is expected, and buying is on that account more restricted, a few qualities of goods having slightly declined. Print cloths are weaker in tone with enormous stocks. Woolen goods are not in better demand, and there is a general indisposition to make commitments ahead. Sales of wool are this year largely between traders, as the mills find at present little encouragement to buy, and London sales are a shade weaker. Quotations are not changed, though more frequent concessions are reported.

"The Year's Naval Progress."

Washington, Dec. 12.—The fifteenth annual report of the office of naval intelligence, entitled "The Year's Naval Progress," which has been issued to the navy, is the most notable of the series. Foreign naval manoeuvres for 1895, with plans and illustrations, are treated by experts and there are illustrated chapters on ships and torpedo boats, ordnance and armor, small arms, voice-tubes, cellulose and boilers by leading naval writers.

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A DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and Daughter Found Dead in Bed.

THEY WERE ASPHYXIATED BY GAS

Miss Cooper, Whose Mind Was Deranged, Ends the Life of Her Famous Mother and That of Herself.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, famed throughout the entire United States because of her untiring zeal in works of charity, and her daughter, Miss Hattie Cooper, were found dead in bed at the Cooper residence on Vallejo street yesterday, both having been asphyxiated by gas. All evidence tends to show that Miss Cooper, who suffered from acute melancholia, arose after her mother had fallen asleep, and with suicidal intent turned on the gas. When discovered both bodies were rigid, death having occurred several hours before. The news of the tragedy, which spread with great rapidity, caused one of the greatest sensations San Francisco has ever experienced. Mrs. Cooper and her daughter have been prominently connected with all charitable movements, not only in this city but the country at large. Dr. Sidney Worth, the Cooper family physician, this morning made public the painfully sensational announcement that on two occasions within the past few months Miss Cooper attempted to take her own life and that of her mother by turning on the gas. On both occasions Mrs. Cooper restrained her only after a struggle. Notwithstanding the danger to which she was constantly subjected, the heroic woman refused to be separated from her daughter, remaining by her side every hour for days and weeks at a time. Thursday evening Miss Cooper seemed unusually depressed. Within the hearing of the Chinese servant she remarked to her mother: "I am tired of life; I want to join father, and I want you to go with me." Mrs. Cooper had been accustomed to hearing such words from the invalid and paid little attention to them, dismissing the subject with a brief reproof to the daughter on the wickedness of self-destruction. Thousands of San Francisco's most prominent and respected citizens passed through the doors of the Vallejo street residence yesterday, and with tear-dimmed eyes gazed upon all that was mortal of the noble woman. Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., 61 years ago. The Ingersoll family, of which she was a member, and which includes the famous Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, Mrs. Cooper's cousin, is well known and highly respected in New York state, as well as in Ohio, where many of them still reside. Two sisters survive her, Mrs. Skilton of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Bawlings of East Lake, Tenn. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, with their little daughter Hattie, removed to San Francisco. For a time fortune favored them, but later Mr. Cooper became broken in health through worry regarding business reverses, and on Dec. 6, 1885, died by his own hand. In 1894 Mrs. Cooper was elected treasurer of World's Federation of Women's clubs.

Creedon Defeats O'Brien.

New York, Dec. 12.—Dan Creedon of Australia defeated Dick O'Brien of Boston in the ninth round of their battle at the Broadway Athletic club last night. O'Brien showed himself to be a wonderfully game man and a terror to take punishment. Though Creedon was tired he showed himself the best man in every way. He was much cleverer than the Bostonian but was badly out of condition, and in the ninth round inflicted terrible punishment, but lacked strength to knock O'Brien out. The latter was staggering all over the ring and the referee, seeing that a knockout was imminent, stopped the fight.

Requisition Issued for Burglars.

Hartford, Dec. 12.—Gov. Coffin has made a requisition on Gov. Morton of New York for the surrender of Ferdinand Szantho, Mary Szantho and Max Lohenstein, now under arrest in New York city. They are wanted for burglary committed at Fairfield, Conn., and are members of a notorious gang of burglars which has operated in southern Connecticut, Long Island, New York and New Jersey.

Awarded a Medal of Honor.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A medal of honor has been awarded to Capt. John G. Adams, late of the 19th Massachusetts volunteers, for most distinguished gallantry in action at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. Captain Adams now resides at Lynn, Mass., and is an ex-commander of the G. A. R.

Tattersall's New York Branch.

New York, Dec 12.—It is said that proceedings have been taken in London to wind up Tattersall's of New York, which is a British corporation, the exact nature of which is not yet known here. William G. Ross, the manager here, will endeavor to have a receiver appointed for the company on Monday next.

Twenty Persons Killed.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Advices have reached here from Labe, West Africa, to the effect that early in November a deserter who had been captured wilfully exploded a cargo of gunpowder on a French launch. Twenty persons were blown to atoms, but four other escaped. The launch sank.

WEYLER LIONIZED

His Return to Havana the Occasion of a Grand Ovation.

FLOWERS STREWN IN HIS PATH

Addressed the Multitudes in Language That Would Indicate That the Suppression of the Insurrection Was Really an Accomplished Fact.

Havana, Dec. 12.—General Weyler arrived here at half past 5 o'clock last evening. He rode into the city on horseback, accompanied by two squadrons of cavalry. His coming had been made known to the public and large crowds gathered to welcome him. He was given a popular ovation from the time he reached the city limits until he reached the palace. At some places along his route girls strewed flowers in his pathway, and he was in other ways treated as a popular hero. Calle Obispo, Calle O'Reilly, and other streets in the vicinity of the palace, and the Plaza de Armas were jammed with people who enthusiastically cheered the captain-general as he rode along. When he arrived near the palace the enthusiastic crowd surrounded him, despite the military, and he was compelled to stop his horse in order not to ride down his admirers, who greeted him with all manner of loyal cries. A passageway was finally opened and Gen. Weyler proceeded to the palace Shortly after he had entered the building he appeared upon a balcony, and was greeted with the most tumultuous cheering. The scene was reminiscent of the time when Martinez Campos arrived in Havana years ago after pacifying the island. When Gen. Weyler called upon his audience to cheer for the king, Spain and the army, a roar went up that could be heard across the bay to Morro castle and the Fortress of Cabanas. When silence had been restored Gen. Weyler made an address, from the tenor of which it would be supposed that the suppression of the rebellion was an accomplished fact. He said, among other things, that everything that had been done had been accomplished by the army, which had been entrusted with the pacification of the island and the maintenance of Spain's sovereignty. He was continually interrupted by cheering, which was continued after he had left the balcony. Later he gave a reception that was attended by the members of the municipal corporation, delegations from various societies and prominent residents of the city. All congratulated him upon the success that had attended the Spanish arms and complimented him upon the effectiveness of his campaign in Pinar del Rio. The city presents a most animated aspect, reflecting the joy felt by the Spaniards because of Maceo's death and General Wyler's claim of triumph over the insurgents in the western province. Casa Blanco, the little village under the walls of the Cabana fortress, and Regla, on the southern side of the bay, held little demonstrations of their own in honor of the supposed victorious return of General Weyler.

HOPE ALMOST ABANDONED.

Cubans Now Believe That the Story of Maceo's Death Is True.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12. — Although Cuban circles in this city were somewhat encouraged in the belief that the report of Maceo's death was untrue through the dispatches from Dallas, Tex., and New York yesterday afternoon. both sources claiming to have received positive information that the insurgent general was alive and well and promising sensational news in the interest of Cubans in a few days, news came to hand to-day from private sources which has again greatly depressed them. The information acknowledged that no further doubt of Maceo's death can exist. It comes directly from the Cuban agents on the island and is intended to finish the uncertainty in the minds of the Cubans resident here. It was characterized as being absolutely authentic and as making an end of any possibility that the accounts of the general's tragic end could be untrue.

DETAILS OF MACEO'S DEATH.

Shot While Alone with His Staff Watching the Progress of the Battle

Havana, Dec. 12.—Dr. Maximo Zertucha, formerly the physician of Antonio Maceo, the second in command of the insurgent forces, who, after the death of Maceo, surrendered to General Tort at San Felipe, has been interviewed, it is alleged, by a reporter of La Lucha, one of the leading newspapers of this city. Dr. Zertucha says that Maceo intended to cross the trocha on December 3, but was prevented by sickness from doing so. On the next day, however, it was announced that he would not march across the trocha with his men. but would go by water around the end of the trocha and meet an insurgent force on the Havana side of the line. Two boats were accordingly prepared, they being painted black in order to prevent their being seen and the oars were muffled so that they could not be heard while playing in the rowlocks. At night Maceo and twenty-six men embarked in the boats and passed in front of the town of Mariel, at the northern extremity of the western trocha, without being seen by any of the Spanish sentries thereabouts. The rebel leader Miro and several other commanders of rebel bands accompanied Maceo. The short voyage was accomplished without the slightest mishap and the rebel party landed at the point selected without being discovered.

How Maceo Was Killed.

"When, on December 4, the engagement took place between the rebels and Major Cirujeda's command, Maceo was encamped with 2,000 men. When the Spanish force appeared Maceo divided his men into two wings, his intention being to surround the Spanish column. He remained alone with his staff for a moment, watching the fighting, and exclaimed: "This goes well." Shortly afterwards he was hit by two bullets, as heretofore detailed in these dispatches, one striking him on the chin, breaking his jaw and passing out at the juction of neck and shoulder, and the other striking him in the abdomen. Either wound have caused death, and the rebel general expired in a short time. The rebels, who were fighting desperately against the Spanish attack, were panic stricken when they heard of the death of their chief. They fled in disorder, not making any attempt then to take Maceo's body with them.

No Trace of Maceo's Body.

The Spaniards then returned to Punta Brava with their dead and wounded. When the field was clear some of the rebels returned and carried off Maceo's body with them. Dr. Zertucha says that he does not know where the remains were buried, and thus far the search made by the Spaniards has proved fruitless. The deputations of correspondents and reporters of local newspaper who went to Moyo Colorado to search for the body are continuing their investigations, but nothing concerning the result of the inquiry is as yet known here. There is still a good deal of quiet rejoicing in Havana over Maceo's death, but as yet there have been no popular demonstrations such as have occurred in Spain. The press of Havana continues to treat of the subject in leading articles, all expressing satisfaction at the fact of the insurgent leader's death.

Rebel Leaders Wounded.

It is reported upon semi-official authority that Dr. Zertucha has stated that Miro, Alberto Nodarse, Gordon, an American; Ramon Ahumada, Alfredo Justiz and other leaders who were followers of Maceo were more or less severely wounded and that the leader Bermudez was very seriously wounded in the stomach in the fight with Gen. Inclan, which took place in the Gobernadora hills.

Asks the Pope's Aid.

London, Dec. 12.—The Daily News to-day publishes a dispatch from Rome saying that it is stated there that Spain has asked the pope to ascertain through the papal nuncios at the various capitals whether any of the powers would support her in the event of a war with the United States or interfere in Spain's behalf at the right moment.

Want Cuba Recognized.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—A petition is in circulation here to be presented to the common council next Monday night asking congress to recognize the belligerency of Cuba. It is headed by Walter Leigh, ex-commissioner of the board of public words.

Fourth-class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec 12.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: New York—M. A. McCall, Madrid. New Jersey, T Hewitt, Sharptown; G. Coleman. Masonville. Pennsylvania—C. B. Culver, Opposition.

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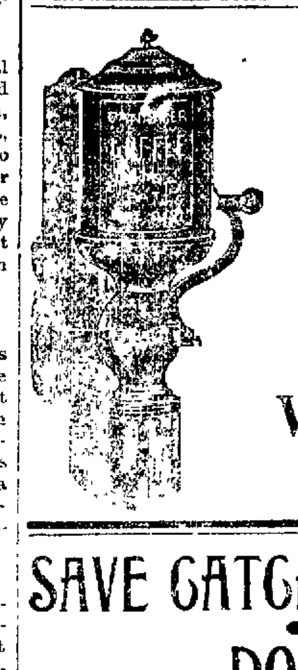

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